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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 July 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 27-44 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 27-32,35-39,43 and 44 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 33-34 and 41-42 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 27-32, 35-40, and 43-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miller et al. (US Pat# 6,535,734) in view of Patouraux (US Pat# 6,804,986).

Regarding claim 27, method claim 27 is rejected for the same reason as apparatus claim 35 since the recited elements would perform the claimed steps.

Regarding claim 28, method claim 28 is rejected for the same reason as apparatus claim 36 since the recited elements would perform the claimed steps.

Regarding claim 29, method claim 29 is rejected for the same reason as apparatus claim 37 since the recited elements would perform the claimed steps.

Regarding claim 30, method claim 30 is rejected for the same reason as apparatus claim 38 since the recited elements would perform the claimed steps.

Regarding claim 31, method claim 31 is rejected for the same reason as apparatus claim 39 since the recited elements would perform the claimed steps.

Regarding claim 32, method claim 32 is rejected for the same reason as apparatus claim 40 since the recited elements would perform the claimed steps.

Regarding claim 35, Miller teaches means for computing asymmetry angles (correction for pitch, roll, and yaw angles; Col. 5 lines 27-49 and Col. 6 line 48-Col. 7 line 19); and means for using the asymmetry angles to correct the pointing angle using measurements (Abstract, Col. 3 lines 1-15, Col. 5 lines 27-49, and Col. 6 line 48-Col. 7 line 19). Miller fails to clearly teach a beacon sensor.

Patouraux teaches means for computing asymmetry angles (pitch and roll angles); and beacon sensor measurements (Col. 4 lines 40-61).

Therefore, it would have been obvious at the time of the invention to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate a beacon sensor as taught by Patouraux into Miller's correction apparatus in order to provide fast measurements (Col. 1 lines 47-59)

Regarding claim 36, Patouraux teaches means for using the asymmetry angles as beacon bias angles (Col. 4 lines 40-61).

Regarding claim 37, Patouraux teaches means for using the asymmetry angles as time-varying beacon bias angles (Col. 4 lines 40-61).

Regarding claim 38, Miller teaches a terrestrially-based processor (Figs. 1-3).

Regarding claim 39, Patouraux teaches a satellite-based processor (Col. 4 lines 40-61).

Regarding claim 40, Miller teaches means for computing a difference between known azimuth/elevation angles, and their corresponding predicted beam-formed azimuth/elevation angles (Abstract, Col. 3 lines 1-15, Col. 5 lines 27-49, and Col. 6 line 48-Col. 7 line 19).

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Regarding claim 43, method claim 43 is rejected for the same reason as apparatus claim 44 since the recited elements would perform the claimed steps.

Regarding claim 44, Patouraux teaches wherein the beacon is a terrestrial beacon (Col. 4 lines 40-61).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 33-34 and 41-42 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 27-44 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Wendell whose telephone number is 571-272-0557. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on 571-272-7882. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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